

Docket No.: 50340-178

PATENT**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of	:	Customer Number: 20277
Takashi AOYAMA	:	Confirmation Number: Not yet
assigned	:	
Application No.: Not yet assigned	:	Group Art Unit: Not yet assigned
Filed: December 20, 2004	:	Examiner: Not yet assigned
For: FUEL REFORMING DEVICE	:	

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Honorable Commissioner for Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the references listed on the attached form PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that the references be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed with the application and no certification or fee is required.

A copy of the foreign search report is attached for the Examiner's information. Please note this is a PCT application in the entry of the National Phase in the U.S. and copies of the references cited were transmitted by WIPO and are believed to be in the file of the above identified application and readily available to the Examiner. Therefore it is believed that Applicants have met all requirements regarding duty of disclosure under 37

Not yet assigned

CFR 1.56. Acknowledgement and consideration of these documents are respectfully requested.

A copy of the foreign search report is attached for the Examiner's information. Please note this is a PCT application in the entry of the National Phase in the U.S. However, to ensure that these references are available to the Examiner, we are providing copies of these references herewith. Since the Search Report was from the U.S. JPO or EPO search authorities, copies of these references should have been supplied to the USPTO under the trilateral agreement and are believed to be in the file of the above identified application and readily available to the Examiner.

Respectfully submitted,

McDERMOTT WILL & EMERY LLP



Bernard P. Codd
Registration No. 46,429

600 13th Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20005-3096
Phone: 202.756.8000 BPC:ete
Facsimile: 202.756.8087
Date: December 20, 2004

*Please recognize our Customer No. 20277
as our correspondence address.*

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE CITATION IN AN APPLICATION

(PTO-1449)

ATTY. DOCKET NO.
50340-178

SERIAL NO.
Not yet assigned
107518494

APPLICANT
Takashi AOYAMA

FILING DATE
December 20, 2004

GROUP
Not yet assigned

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

EXAMINER'S INITIALS	CITE NO.	Document Number Number-Kind Code ² (if known)	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
	US	3,982,910	09/28/1976	Houseman et al.	
	US				
	US				
	US				
	US				
	US				
	US				
	US				
	US				
	US				
	US				
	US				
	US				
	US				
	US				
	US				

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

EXAMINER'S INITIALS	CITE NO.	Foreign Patent Document Country Code ² -Number + Kind Codes (if known)	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines Where Relevant Figures Appear	Translation Yes No
		JP 2000-191304	07/11/2000	ISHIKAWA JIMA HARIMA HEAVY IND CO LTD		abstract
		EP 1 198 026 A2	04/17/2002	NISSAN MOTOR CO., LTD.		
		JP 2002-147716	05/22/2002	NISSAN MOTOR CO., LTD.		abstract
		JP 2002-154905	05/28/2002	NISSAN MOTOR CO., LTD.		abstract only

OTHER ART (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

EXAMINER'S INITIALS	CITE NO.	Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published.

EXAMINER

DATE CONSIDERED

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

1 Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). 2 Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.